(J) the steps taken to check the growing number of road accidents; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of road accident in Delhi during 1993 to 1995 were 8475, 9050 and 10138 respectively.

(c) The main reason for increase in road accidents in the vast increase in the number of motor vehicles and human population in Delhi during the past few years. Reckless driving of Red line and Blue line buses is also one of the reasons for such an increase.

(a) and (e)The details of steps taken/ being taken to check road accidents in Delhi is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Steps token/being taken to reduce accident in Delhi:

1. The Transport Department, Delhi has set up a Motor Driving Training School to impart driver training on scientific lines.

2. Measures have been taken to ensure strict compliance of provisions of Motor Vehicles Act with regard to issue of driving licences as well as fitness of the vehicles.

3. The Delhi Police have taken following steps to check the accidents:

(i) Strict and rigid enforcement of traffic rules and regulations, including suspensions of permits.

(ii) Organising special drives against rash and negligent driving, driving without licence, drunken driving and red 'light jumping, etc.

(iii) Regular prosecution of violators by issue of notice

(iv) Introduction of traffic signals/ blinkers in accident prone areas.

(v) Deployment of more traffic policemen in accident prone areas.

(vi) Arrest od drivers indulging in reckless driving.

(vii) Prosecution through most modern equipment *i.e.* Alcometer and radar Gun.

(viii) Taking out mobile exhibition van to different places for refresher courses.

(ix) Distribution of literature on road safety.

Telephone Connections in Kanpur

275. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending for telephone connections category-wise in Kanpur;

(b) whether Government have a plan to provide telephone connections to the applicants during the year 1996-97; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Number of applications pending for telephone connections category-wise in Kanpur as on 31.1.96 is as under:

OYT	N-OYT		TOTAL
	Special	General	
11	50	8563	8624

(b) and (c) National Telecom. Policy, 1994 envisages provision of telephone connections on demand by 1997 all over the country including Kanpur. Expansion plans are being planned accordingly.